

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Amendment in reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007.

As an initial matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of the subject matter of claims 9 and 13. Applicant has amended these claims so that they are in independent form, as the Examiner requested.

Applicant has also amended claims 2-8 and 14 to reflect appropriate dependence. No new subject matter was added with these amendments. In addition, Applicant has added claim 16, in order to clarify what was previously reflected in claim 7. No new matter has been added in this claim.

Claims 1-14 and 16 are pending in this application following the above amendments.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action repeats its restriction requirement. Applicant confirmed to the Examiner previously that it opted to pursue prosecution of Group I, reflected by then claims 1-14. Upon the Examiner's request, Applicant herein confirms its earlier election to pursue Group I, consisting of claims 1-14. Applicant also herein confirms its cancellation in this application of claim 15, which the Examiner identified as Group II. In addition, Applicant elects Group I without prejudice and thereby reserves its right to present claim 15 in a divisional application.

Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 112

On pages 6-7 of the Office Action, claims 7-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to claim the subject

matter on which applicants regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action identified the “especially” language in claim 7 and the “close to zero” language of claim 8. Without necessarily agreeing with the Office Action’s characterizations of these claims, Applicant has amended claims 7 and 8 in order to expedite prosecution of this matter. In light of the amendments, Applicant submits that the rejections based on § 112 are moot. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 112 rejections of claims 7-14.

Rejection Based on 35 U.S.C. § 102

On pages 7-10 of the Office Action, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,863,368 to Hehl (“Hehl’368”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Hehl’368 does not disclose the claimed invention. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action’s characterization of certain claim limitations in Hehl’368. As an example, the Office Action alleges that Hehl’368 discloses the limitation in claim 1 that the “rear section of the drive block is adjustably supported.” Hehl’368, however, does not disclose this limitation. The application claim requires both that “the injection unit is supported in an articulated manner by a support” *and* that “the rear section of the drive block is adjustably supported.” The Office Action does not distinguish these two limitations, instead just pointing to a single support identified in Hehl’368.

The application, on the other hand, requires specifically that the “rear section of the drive block is adjustably supported.” The application discloses additional supports that provide, as an example only, vertical or horizontal adjustments. (See, e.g., Figure

8; *see also* Specification at 9, lines 24-page 10, line 2; specification at 10, lines 16-19.)
Such a disclosure is not present in Hehl'368.

Each of claims 2-5 depends from claim 1, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that independent claim 1 is allowable. In addition, each of the dependent claims recites unique combinations that are not taught by the cited reference, and therefore each claim is separately patentable.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under § 102.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On pages 10-14 of the Office Action, claims 7-8, 10-12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Hehl'368 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,622,737 to Hehl ("Hehl'737"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

These references do not disclose the claimed invention. For the reasons stated above, Hehl'368 does not disclose at least the limitation in independent claim 1 (from which all claims depend) that recites "the rear section of the drive block is adjustably supported." The Office Action does not rely on Hehl'737 for such a teaching, and no such teaching exists in Hehl'737. That reference includes no disclosure of both a main support and an adjustable support with regard to a drive block. Because of all the rejected claims depend from claim 1, they are allowable for at least these reasons. In addition, each of the dependent claims recites unique combinations that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited references, and each claim is therefore separately patentable.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under § 103(a).

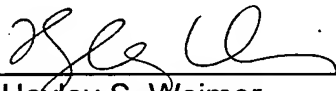
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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